



Next Steps in the Big Sky Pathways Process

STATEWIDE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) and the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) are pleased to extend an invitation to public high schools funded through Perkins to join Perkins-funded colleges for the Big Sky Pathways workshops being held in regional areas throughout the state this fall.

The day and a half Big Sky Pathways workshop will let you take the pathway you developed last year and refine it to meet all State and Federal Perkins requirements to elevate your program and your students to the next level. If you did NOT participate last year, do not despair. OCHE and OPI staff will bring you up to speed with a quality Big Sky Pathway for your students. You will be provided tools to make your task easier and to produce a quality final product. Be prepared to evaluate your existing Big Sky Pathway and make improvements, if necessary.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Big Sky Pathway Teams who should attend include: one CTE teacher, one academic teacher, one counselor per pathway; for high schools offering more than one pathway, teams may share academic teachers and counselor team members.

Workshop DATES

GREAT FALLS: October 10-11

HAVRE: October 12-13

KALISPELL: October 26-27

BILLINGS: November 7-8

MILES CITY: November 9-10

MISSOULA: November 14-15

HELENA: December 5-6

BUTTE: December 7-8

Online Registration is located here: <http://mus.edu/wd/Assets/BigSkyPathways/BigSkyPathways.asp>

Registration Deadline is September 28, 2011.

More information about credit opportunities, what you need to bring, and what expenses are reimbursed click here:

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WEBINAR TRAINING SESSION on SEPTEMBER 13

For newcomers to Big Sky Pathways and for those who want to know a little more, a WEBINAR TRAINING SESSION is scheduled via Adobe Connect on **September 13, 2011, from 3:30 – 4:30 PM**. The webinar will be recorded and available for viewing after the training session on the Montana Big Sky Pathway Website.

To join the webinar on September 13, click on the following link: <http://connect.opi.mt.gov/bspinitiative2/>

If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before:

Test your connection: http://connect.opi.mt.gov/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

Get a quick overview: http://www.adobe.com/go/connectpro_overview